(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons for such demolition;

(c) whether there was a demand to declare these barracks as a National Monument; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) No, Sir. Only the roofs of some of the buildings collapsed in March 1987. These have been repaired and brought to their original shape in February, 1988.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In view of the fact that a large number of Defence establishments are located therein, it has not been possible to accede to this request.

Cancellation of visit of the Foreign Secretary to Islamabad

*326. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Foreign Secretary was scheduled to leave for Islamabad for talks on the Afghanistan issue;

(b) if so, whether the visit has since been cancelled/postponed; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Pakistan Government stated that both its Foreign Minister and Foreign Secretary would be out of the country. At the request of that Government, therefore, the visit did not take place as scheduled.

Comprehensive Package Measures for Agriculture

@*327. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering comprehensive package measures for giving a new thrust to agriculture in the remaining two years of the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) A Task Force under the Member Incharge, Agriculture, Planning Commission has formulated a Framework Action Plan for achieving foodgrains production level of at least 175 million tonnes by the end of the 7th Five Year Plan. The Framework Action Plan adopt a selective approach for districts having potential for higher production which can be realised in the short period. Thus, a total of 169 districts in 14 states are to be taken up in respect of the five foodgrains crops of rice, wheat, maize, gram and arhar. The strategy frame of the Action Plan envisages the identification of production constraints operating in the selected districts and the measures require to remove them. The resources required for this purpose are to come from the existing provisions available under ongoing schemes and programmes with marginal increases, where critically necessary, for removing a specific constraint within the limited time frame of two years. Detailed district-wise Action Plans are to be framed by the State Governments to be operationlised from Kharif, 1988. At the Central level nodal responsibility for implementing the Frame Work Action Plan

@Previously Starred Question 247; transferred from the 11th March, 1988.

would be with the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation in the Ministry of Agriculture.

*238. [Postponed to the 24th March, 1988].

Third Aircraft Carrier for India

*329. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI HASHIM RAZA
ALLAHABADI ABDI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India propose to acquire a third aircraft carrier from the U.K.; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Test Range Project at Baliapal, Orissa

*330. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finally decided to set up the Test Range Project at Baliapal, Orissa; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the compensation and rehabilitation packages for the evicted families?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A detailed statement is placed on the Table of the House.

Statement

Adequate compensation will be paid for the land acquired for all the assets standing thereon. In case of encroached Government land, compensation will be paid for all the temporary assets on such land. At the time of taking possession of land, compensation will be paid for the standing crop, if any. In addition each family would be given a financial grant for transportation of their belonging to their new homes.

2. While all the families living in the Safety Zone, north-east of Subarnrekha river, in the Bhograi region, would be shifted to resettlement centre, but cultivation will be allowed on the agricultural land even after its acquisition, subject to certain regulatory measures regarding movement of persons. Such restrictions would be for short durations and would be notified well in advance. Fishing in the Subarnrekha River and in the Sea would also be allowed subject to similar measures.

3. The displaced families, irrespective of whether they are land owners or landless, would be resettled in Model villages, to be set up for this purpose. Sites for Model villages will be so selected that the displaced families are resettled within 10—15 kms of their original residence. Each village will consist of about 400 families. Each displaced family would be provided with about 10 decimals of homestead land, free of cost, on 'Sthitiban' basis, and also a built up house costing about Rs. 15000|-.

4. All Model villages will be provided with the necessary civic amenities like roads, drainage, adequate water supply, street lighting etc. Other social and community infrastructures like schools; dispensaries, veterinary centres, community centres, youth centres, training institutes, post offices, banks, panchayat buildings, village tanks would also be created for these Model Villages. Existing Colleges in Baliapal and Bhograi area will be given financial assistance for expansion and improvement of facilities. Apart from village dispensaries, a well equipped, 50 bed hospital will also be set up in this area to function as a referral hospital. An industrial Training Institute (ITI) would also be established in the area.

5. Govt. of Orissa has already started work towards setting up the Model Villages for resettlement. Work on the first model-village for about 400 families, 50 bed hospital, ITI, and improvement of roads has already commenced.